

Summary of Negative Actions: February 19, 2025

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Continue on Warning

Providence University College and Theological Seminary (Otterburne, MB) *until February 2026*

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has continued Providence University College and Theological Seminary (MB) on warning in light of the Commission on Accreditation's judgment that the institution marginally complies with the following ABHE Institutional Accreditation Standards:

- Standard 5: EE 2 (Financial stability, including adequate revenue streams to realize institutional mission and sufficient financial reserves to enable effective response to unforeseen financial circumstances and enrollment fluctuations)
- Standard 5: EE 3 (A budgeting process informed by institutional planning that serves as an effective instrument of financial oversight)

A progress report is required, due November 15, 2025, documenting the institution's efforts to address these issues. The institution retains its accredited status with the Commission on Accreditation while on warning.

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PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION

Continue on Warning

Bethesda University (Anaheim, CA) *until February 2026*

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has continued Bethesda University (CA) on warning in light of the Commission on Accreditation's judgment that the institution marginally complies with the following ABHE Programmatic Accreditation Standards:

- Programmatic Standard 1: EE 2 (Fulfillment of Commission policies and requirements, including on-time submission of all required reports)
- Programmatic Standard 5: EE 1 (A budgeting process, informed by program planning, that serves as an effective instrument of financial oversight)
- Programmatic Standard 9: EE 3 (Services that address the needs of at-risk students and improve student achievement and retention in ABHE-accredited programs)

A Commission staff visit and a subsequent progress report (due September 15, 2025) are required, documenting the institution's efforts to address these issues. The institution retains programmatic

accredited status with the Commission on Accreditation for the following programs while on warning status:

- Bachelor of Arts - Religion (Biblical Studies)
- Bachelor of Arts - Religion (Christian Education)
- Bachelor of Arts - Religion (Missions)
- Bachelor of Arts - Religion (Pastoral Ministry)
- Master of Arts - Biblical Studies
- Master of Divinity
- Doctor of Ministry

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The Meaning of Warning

Warning is a negative, public action indicating that the Commission on Accreditation (COA) has determined that an institution is in substantial compliance with ABHE Standards, but meets one or more standards with sufficient weakness that, if the current trend is not altered, the institution is in jeopardy of being found out of compliance with a standard in the near future and placed on probation. The institution retains accredited or candidate status with ABHE during a period of warning, and will be subject to periodic monitoring, which may include progress reports and/or focused visits by COA staff or evaluation teams. If weaknesses are not resolved within the time specified (usually one year), the COA may (1) extend the warning for a second year, (2) place the institution on probation, (3) order the institution to show cause why its accreditation or candidate status should be continued, or (4) withdraw accreditation or candidate status.

Warning is rarely extended beyond two years. Rather, an institution that fails to strengthen specified weaknesses by a stated COA deadline is placed on probation. Warning is not an appealable action.